



# MADURAI KAMARAJ UNIVERSITY

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To

The Chairpersons of all Schools  
The Heads of Departments / Centres  
Madurai Kamaraj University  
Madurai – 625 021.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Madurai Kamaraj University - Ph.D. Course Work as per UGC Regulations 2016 - reg.

- Ref: 1. Notification of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. degrees) Regulations, dated 5.5.2016.  
2. Minutes of the annual meeting of the Senate, dated 31.03.2017.  
3. Letter from the Secretary, UGC, D.O.No.F.1-1/2018(Journal/CARE), dt. Dec, 2019.

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I am, by direction to inform that the meeting of all Chairpersons of Schools of the Madurai Kamaraj University and all Principals of Affiliated Colleges/ Directors of Approved Research Centres were convened under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor on 04.08.2020 and 14.08.2020 respectively to implement the Ph.D. course work as per UGC Regulations 2016 and a mandatory two credit course on Research and Publication Ethics from the current academic session as per the communication of the UGC cited third above.

According to the UGC Regulations 2016 for award of Ph.D. degrees, the course work shall be treated as pre-requisite for Ph.D. preparation. The Department where the scholar pursues research shall prescribe the course(s) based on the recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee for each scholar (Doctoral Committee) stipulated under regulations 2016. All candidates admitted to Ph.D. program are required to complete the course work within one year of provisional registration. If the course work is not completed within the stipulated period, the minimum duration will be two more years from the date of completion of course work.

It is also informed that the UGC has introduced a 2-credit course for awareness about publication ethics and publication misconducts entitled “**Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)**” to be made compulsory for all Ph.D. students for pre-registration course work from the academic session 2020-2021.

- i. In view of the above, the course work shall comprise of the following papers with a minimum of 8 credits for M.Phil. students and 12 credits for P.G. students :

**For those who registered from 01.04.2017 to 31.03.2019**

Course – I	Research Methodology	4 credits	(Exempted for M.Phil. degree holders, provided they have secured 55% in Research Methodology)
Course – II	Core Subject paper	4 credits	Both for P.G. & M.Phil. qualified
Course - III	Relevant to research topic (or) Mini Project	4 credits	Both for P.G. & M.Phil. qualified

**For those who registered from 01.04.2019**

Course – I	Research Methodology	4 credits	(Exempted for M.Phil degree holders, provided they have 55% in Research Methodology course)
Course – II	Core Subject paper	4 credits	Both for P.G. & M.Phil. qualified
Course - III	Relevant to research topic	4 credits	Both for P.G. & M.Phil. qualified
Course - IV	Research and Publication Ethics	2 credits	Mandatory for all the students registering from the academic session 2020 – 21

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- ii. The Mini project (as an option for those who registered from 01.04.2017 to 31.03.2019) shall be a concise report of the preliminary research work with a minimum of 40 pages but not exceeding 50 pages.
- iii. The mandatory course on Research and Publication Ethics shall be co-ordinated by Dr. V. Alagirisamy, Chairperson, School of Religion Philosophy and Humanist Thought.
- iv. The Course-III on Statistics for the students registered from 1.4.2017 to 31.3.2019 shall be conducted by Dr. P. Muthupandi, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, DDE, Madurai Kamaraj University.
- v. The attendance of the research scholars shall be provided by the respective course co-ordinators.
- vi. The Research Advisory Committee (Doctoral Committee) constituted for each scholar shall guide the student to develop the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that the research scholar have to do.
- vii. The Grades in the course work, including research methodology courses shall be finalized after a combined assessment by the Research Advisory Committee and the final grades shall be communicated to the University.
- viii. The Mark Statement for the course work will be issued by the Controller of Examinations and Course completion certificate will be issued by the Research Co-ordinator.
- ix. It is mandatory to have the course work mark statement to confirm their provisional Ph.D. registration and final submission of thesis.

Therefore, it is requested to circulate and inform all the Research Supervisors in your Departments/ Centres to adhere to the above guidelines for conducting the Ph.D. course work as per regulations 2016.

Yours sincerely,

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